



Good morning Chairman Dellosa and Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Intergovernmental Affairs and Operations Committee,

The Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters is pleased to offer testimony to several proposed legislative initiatives regarding year-round standard time and daylight savings time in Pennsylvania. The PAB is the trade association representing the FCC commercially licensed radio (366) and television (38) broadcast stations in Pennsylvania.

I am pleased to provide the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) position paper outlining our reasoning against a patchwork approach to state standard time. As stated by NAB, "Broadcasters oppose state specific time changes that would undermine the ability to deliver news, weather, security alerts and entertainment programs at our audiences' desired time." The NAB also points out the change could hinder the ability of some radio stations, especially AM radio, to broadcast at all, without violating FCC regulations.

In Pennsylvania, many demographic market areas extend over state lines into contiguous, neighboring states. Imagine local evening news broadcast at 6 pm in Pennsylvania and 5 pm or 7 pm in adjoining states like New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia.

The state of Delaware passed Senate Bill 73 in 2019 to adopt year-round daylight savings time. However, this law makes the change contingent upon Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland enacting similar legislation to prevent regional disparities.

Without federal approval or regional consensus, Delaware continues to observe the mandatory twice-yearly time change.

In closing, the PAB joins the NAB and the state of Delaware in urging the committee to be mindful of the unintended harm to the broadcast audiences in Pennsylvania and asks that you consider only legislation that sets national policy for time standards across the country, not just in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify at today's hearing.

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